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REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-26. Claims 1-23, 25, and 26 have been allowed. Claim 24 has been rejected. Claim 24 has been canceled. Therefore, Claims 1-23, 25, and 26 are pending in the Application.

Applicants have cancelled the remaining the pending claim in the application, intentionally withholding comments on the sufficiency of the rejections. Applicants reserve the right to file Continuation and Divisional applications directed at the subject matter of these claims and unclaimed, but disclosed subject matter, during the pendency of this application. Applicants' desire to expedite the issuance of a patent does equate to an acquiescence of the merits of the current rejections and Applicant hereby reserves the right to present additional distinctions as appropriate.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Amendment and Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

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